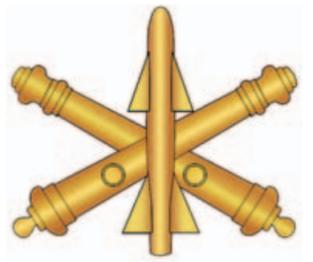


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## WOOFStock on Saturday

**Picerne Military Housing**  
Dog lovers can unite at Fort Sill's WOOFStock 2010, hosted by Picerne Military Housing staff for residents only on Saturday from 10 a.m. to noon at the playground area near the corner of Geronimo and Perez roads.

The inaugural event features demonstrations, educational booths, contests and much more. Dog contest categories include dog and owner look-a-like, best costume, largest and smallest dogs.

The first 200 participants will receive a dog bowl, compliments of Picerne Military Housing.

Additionally, a variety of businesses offering pet services will be on hand with information and give-a-ways.

The event schedule is:  
10 a.m. Exhibits open.  
10:30 a.m. Costume Contest.  
11 a.m. Dog/Owner Look-A-Like Contest.

11:30 a.m. Largest and Smallest Dog Contest.

Area animal shelters will also be at WOOFStock with information on animals available for adoption. These animals will have all current shots. Adoption fees and family housing pet deposits do apply.

The event is open to all Fort Sill on-post residents and their furry friends. All pets must be leashed and poop and scoop is mandatory.

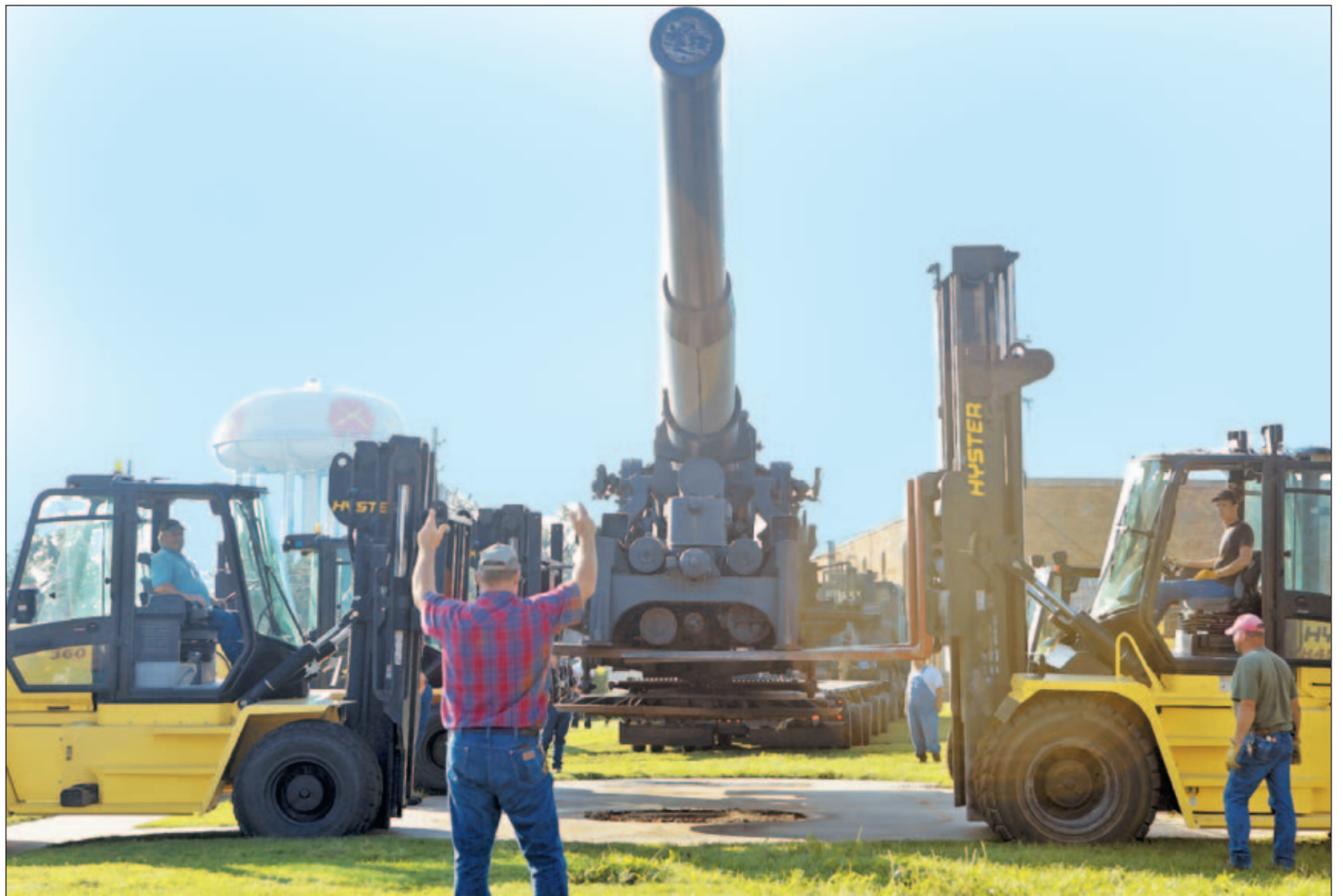


Photo by Jeff Crawley

Directorate of Logistics employees prepare to move the M65 Atomic Cannon "Atomic Annie" Tuesday from the Cannon Walk at Fort Sill. The atomic cannon is just one of the field artillery pieces that will be moved to the new Artillery Park next to the Fort Sill Field Artillery Museum.

### Artillery pieces to be refurbished

## 'Atomic Annie' on the move

**Cannoneer staff**  
The M65 Atomic Cannon "Atomic Annie" at Fort Sill since 1964 is moving.

"Atomic Annie" moved Tuesday from the Cannon Walk at Geronimo and Randolph roads to a staging area here where it will get a new coat of paint. After refurbishing, its home will be at the new Artillery Park next to the Fort Sill Field Artillery Museum.

The towed artillery piece, which fired a 280mm nuclear shell up to 20 miles, was a deterrent during the Cold War, but its technology was quickly overtaken by missiles and rockets, said Towana Spivey, Fort Sill Museum director and curator.

"Atomic Annie," originally nicknamed "Able Annie," was one of 20 guns produced in the early 1950s. In May 1953, two of the guns from Fort Sill were taken to Frenchman Flat test site in Nevada, Spivey said. Only one of the guns, "Able Annie" was fired in the nuclear tests called Knothole, while "Sad Sack" served as a back up.

"The gun fired a 15-kiloton projectile equal to the bomb that was dropped on Hiroshima," Spivey said. Immediately after the firing "Able Annie" was rechristened "Atomic Annie."

During the transport of the cannons back to Oklahoma, the identity of them somehow got

switched. "Sad Sack," thought to be "Atomic Annie" made it to Fort Sill. The true "Atomic Annie" was sent to an operational unit.

During the 10th anniversary commemorating the firing of "Atomic Annie," it was noticed through serial number identification that the gun was really "Sad Sack," Spivey said.

So what happened to "Atomic Annie?"

The exact locations of atomic guns were classified and they were scattered throughout Europe and Southeast Asia, he said.

A worldwide search began for "Atomic Annie," who was now being referred to as "AWOL

Annie," Spivey said. "Only a very few people knew where it was."

The gun was tracked to Houston, New York City and eventually found on duty at a remote site in Germany.

In 1964, while the gun was being retrieved in Germany, "Atomic Annie" and its tractor slid off a mountain road killing two Soldiers and wrecking the prime movers, Spivey said.

That same year, "Atomic Annie" no longer AWOL replaced the imposter at Fort Sill, he said. "Sad Sack" was given to the Smithsonian museums and is part of its collection.

## News briefs

### Apache Gate

Motorists are reminded that construction continues at Apache Gate on the Automatic Installation Entry. The gate is still open and traffic will be routed under the big top canopy. Construction is expected to take about 90 days.

### Soldier/NCO of the Quarter luncheon

The Fires Center of Excellence and Fort Sill Soldier and Noncommissioned Officer of the Quarter Luncheon is Friday at 11:30 a.m. at the Patriot Club. The event will also include the latest inductees to the Sgt. Audie Murphy Club. For more information, call 442-0964.

### CI recruiting

The Army's counterintelligence recruiting team information briefings are Wednesday at 9:30 and 10:45 a.m. at the Truman Education Center, Room 4. Soldiers E-4 through E-7 are invited.

### NAF sale

The next NAF property sale is Sept. 23 only to active-duty military and immediate family members from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Recycle Complex, Building 3328. On Sept. 24, the sale is open to active-duty military, retirees and immediate family from noon to 2 p.m. After 2 p.m., the sale is open to the public.

### ADA Association

The Air Defense Association general membership meeting is Oct. 6 from noon to 1 p.m. at the Fort Sill Welcome and Conference Center, formerly the Gunner's Inn. For more information, call 442-4538.

### Lodging reservations

People interested in lodging on post can make reservations online at [www.ihgarmyhotels.com](http://www.ihgarmyhotels.com).

### EEO office moves

The Fort Sill Equal Employment Opportunity Office has relocated to Building 1670 Craig Road. Anyone in need of assistance can call 442-4024 and leave a message.

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## RACH offers diabetes support group

**By Courtney Griggs**  
More than 23 million people in the United States have diabetes. It is in the top 10 leading causes of death. Close to \$200 billion is spent each year in the United States on diagnosed diabetes.

Having diabetes doesn't equal a death sentence.

"Diabetes is definitely manageable, if you have the right information," said Lori Bridges, board certified doctor of pharmacy. "The right information is out there and available to anyone. You just have to get it."

One place to get that information is the new Diabetes Pilot Program.

"We have started a diabetes centering program," said Leslye Trachte, board certified doctor of pharmacy. "Diabetes patients can learn from each other in a group setting. We meet on Tuesdays from 7:30 to 10 a.m. in the nutrition classroom by the PX in the hospital."

The first trial of the centering program ended this week, but a new session starts Oct. 1.

"We are looking for motivated patients who are looking to make a difference," said Bridges. Each week, the group discusses different topics including guidelines, personal goals and setting goals in exercise, nutrition and eye, foot and skincare and healthy coping skills.

"Diabetes is a large problem with the population," said Trachte. "Eating and exercising habits aren't the best. Diabetes is a chronic disease that is best controlled with diet, exercise and medication. Small changes in your life style can make big changes in your blood sugar."

Bridges agreed that losing as little as 10 pounds can improve blood pressure and blood sugar levels.

"In the diabetes centering class, patients will learn lifestyle modifications," said Trachte. "You have to want to do it. No one can make you change the way you eat and exercise, but if you want to stay healthy

you have to learn. A lot of people spend all of their time taking care of other people; they don't take the time to take care of themselves. You should not feel guilty about taking care of yourself."

In the group setting of the class, participants share everything from weight loss tips to exercise techniques.

"We do weight measurements and body fat percentages at the beginning of class," explained Bridges. "We don't pass judgment. We are just here to help."

Anyone interested in participating should contact Bridges, 558-2037 or Trachte, 558-2108.

### \$745,652 project

## Waste water to cool Sill water tower

**By Keith Pannell**  
Fort Sill will soon begin a program testing the use of recycled waste water to cool a water tower in the 434th Field Artillery Brigade area.

That means the Fort Sill Garrison should save between \$30,000 and \$40,000 a year, according to Randy Butler, Fort Sill Directorate of Public Works director.

"We want to see how efficient this is," he said. "This is proven technology, we're not trying a new way of doing things, just new to our installation."

Butler said the proximity of Building 5900 and the water tower to be cooled to the Waste Water Treatment plant is the reason that particular site was chosen to run the test.

"We wanted to do a small test before we started laying out pipes over long distances, only to learn that it wasn't efficient for us to do so," Butler said.

Waste water is exactly what one might think it is. It's water that comes down the drains in restaurants, kitchen and any number of other outlets.

Chris Brown, Fort Sill energy manager, said the water used in cooling goes through all but the final step of purification.

"This water is about 95 percent pure," Brown said. "It does not go through the ultraviolet process to kill micro-organisms."

Butler said he understands that Fort Sill residents may wonder if the waste water, or effluent, as it's known, is mixing with the post drinking, potable, water and he assures everyone

that it is not. The drinking water, water that comes out of a kitchen or bathroom faucet, is in a closed system, which keeps it from being contaminated from any outside source.

"An open-air system will not be introduced into a closed water system," said Butler. "Clearly, we have looked at that and made sure the systems are apart so we don't introduce a potential health hazard."

For years, waste water has been used to treat areas like golf courses or other large areas where sunlight kills micro-organisms quickly. However, because of the distance from the treatment plant to the post's golf

course, that process is not used on Fort Sill.

**The savings**  
It will be a little while before the project gets off, or under, as the case may be, the ground. Brown said the project design is at about the 35 percent finished stage. Once the contractor, The Ross Group from Oklahoma City, finishes the design, Fort Sill's engineers will sign off on it when it meets the post's needs. Then, construction will begin on the \$745,652 project.

The project is funded mainly through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, otherwise known as stimulus money.

Typically, energy saving projects must show a 1.25 percent savings once the project is complete, Brown said.

"If you meet that standard, the project is worth investing in,"

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**"This is proven technology, we're not trying a new way of doing things, (it's) just new to our installation."**

Randy Butler,  
Public Works director

# Waste

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Butler said. "We go through those calculations and try to find areas that we can do that will save the post money."

## Other green projects

Fort Sill worked on \$33 million worth of green projects in Fiscal Year 10. Brown said they already have more than \$5 million worth of green projects slated for FY-11.

One of the largest ongoing projects on post is construction of geothermal heating and cooling for some buildings. Butler said the post has had "tremendous success" in the endeavor to use the

earth's heating and cooling capability. There is a geothermal drilling project going on right now north of Prichard Field that will dig approximately 900 small wells roughly 200 feet down to heat and cool Buildings 1602 and 1603.

"It starts out looking like a gopher has taken over the area with all the holes," Butler said. "But, it was done at the New Post Chapel at Randolph Road and Fort Sill Boulevard and you can't even tell there are 200 wells in the grassy area long Randolph Road across from Honeycutt Fitness Center."

Butler said if the waste water cooling project proves a success, the post will look at expanding to other buildings near the treatment plant.

# Retiree appreciation day today through Saturday

**By Courtney Griggs**  
Every year, retired members of the military community travel to Fort Sill to attend the yearly retiree open house.

This year is no different. The 32nd annual event kicks off at Reynolds Army Community Hospital today. "We will have vendors and medical stations set up," Said George Ponder, retiree council co-chair. "Retirees will be able to get shots and new ID cards. They will be transported to legal assistance and retiree services. There will be plenty of updates and information available."

On Friday, the retirees will have the option to attend the monthly retirement ceremony

or participate in one of the tours offered.

"We have a lot going on on the 17th," said Ponder. "We will have two buses ready to load retirees to take them to the battle lab and the artillery and ADA museums. We will also have two buses ready to take them to the Wichita Mountains and the Holy City."

For lunch, each retiree will be welcome to eat at Guns and Rockets dining facility.

"It will be interesting for them to see how different chow halls have become. We want to show them all of the updates," said Ponder.

Winding down the day will be a banquet at the Patriot Club.

"The retirees can sign up

for the banquet at the open house at RACH," said Ponder. "Social hour will begin at 6:30. The 77th Army Band/Jazz combo band will perform. Our guest speaker this year is Dr. Betty Moseley-Brown who is the assistant director for the Center of Women Veterans."

One unique event for this year will be a silent auction at the banquet.

"We are really looking forward to the silent auction," explained Ponder. "We try to do something a little different every year to keep the retirees coming back and not having the same experience. We aim to make every year better than the last."

Fort Sill's Commanding General Maj. Gen. David

Halverson, will be present to welcome all of the retirees.

"We are also giving away prizes, like for the retiree who traveled the farthest to get here," said Ponder. "And the widows association will definitely be recognized."

Throughout the year the retiree council holds fundraisers to defer the costs for all who attend the open house and for flag boxes."

On the final day, Saturday, all retirees and family members are invited to the Co-Op Buffalo Burger Cook Out.

"The cook out is going to be fun for everybody," said Ponder.

All retirees are invited to join the retiree council. For more info, contact retirement services.

Check out the Cannoneer Facebook page for stories and photos.

# Ceremony to honor Sill retirees

Thirty five Soldiers will be honored in the monthly retirement ceremony Friday at 9 a.m. at the Old Post Quadrangle. The ceremony is open to the public. In case of inclement weather, the ceremony will be held at Rinehart Fitness Center.

## Retiring

Chief Warrant Officer 4 Philip R. Adams, Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 31st Air Defense Artillery Brigade

Chief Warrant Officer 4 Raymond L. Allen, Headquarters/A Battery, 3rd Battalion, 6th ADA

Chief Warrant Officer 4 Anthony E. Bland, Headquarters Detachment, Fires Center of Excellence

Chief Warrant Officer 4 Francisco Cruz, Fires Center of Excellence, Capabilities Determination Integration Directorate, Requirements Determination Division

Chief Warrant Officer 3 Billy C. Ramage Jr., HHB, 75th Fires Brigade

1st Sgt. Fredrick L. Johnson, HHB, 434th Field Artillery Brigade

Master Sgt. Michael C. Butler, 2nd Battalion (Training Support), 381st Combat Service Support, 479th FA Brigade

Master Sgt. Charles H. Malone, 2nd Battalion (Training Support), 381st Combat Service Support, 479th FA Brigade

Master Sgt. Mary L. White-Burt, U.S. Army Medical Activity Department

Sgt. 1st Class Virgilio F. Angeles, HHC, 168th Brigade Support Battalion

Sgt. 1st Class Marc D. Atwell, A Battery, 1st Battalion, 78th FA

Sgt. 1st Class Paul E. Barry, Headquarters Detachment, FCoE

Sgt. 1st Class Johnny M. Brown, HHB, 428th FA Brigade

Sgt. 1st Class Cedric Donald, HHB, 31st ADA Brigade

Sgt. 1st Class David M. Driscoll, A Battery, 1st Battalion, 40th Field Artillery

Sgt. 1st Class Charles A. Felder, Company A, 168th Brigade Support Battalion

Sgt. 1st Class Oscar O. Gale, HD, FCoE

Sgt. 1st Class Priscilla G. Gonzalez, 86th Military Police Detachment, CID, Fort Benning

Sgt. 1st Class Tyrece Jefferson, HHB, 31st ADA Brigade

Sgt. 1st Class Anthony C. Johnson, 696th Forward Support Company

Sgt. 1st Class Randal A. Orrison, Ordnance Training Detachment

Sgt. 1st Class Milton Pomaes Santiago, HD, FCoE

Sgt. 1st Class Alan D. Prater, A Battery, 1st Battalion, 30th FA

Sgt. 1st Class Kimberley O. Reese-Knowles, HHB, 2nd Battalion, 5th FA

Sgt. 1st Class Gerald G. Rich, 77th Army Band "The Pride of Fort Sill"

Sgt. 1st Class Ricky D. Shuck, HHB, 428th FA Brigade

Sgt. 1st Class Raymond M. Stryker, HHB, 3rd Battalion, 2nd ADA

Sgt. 1st Class Ignacio Suarez, HHC, 168th Brigade Support Battalion

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